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SUBJECT: PRC "DEEP WATER" DRILLING RIG

REF: HONG KONG 14026 OF 1974

1. IN REGARD TO THE CATAMARAN TYPE CHINESE DRILL RIGS REPORTED REFTEL, I SAW A PICTURE OF SUCH A RIG DURING A RECENT TRIP TO THE SHANGHAI INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION PERHAPS THE SAME PICTURE VIEWED EARLIER BY A US OIL MAN (PARA 3 REFTEL).

2. THE VESSEL CONSISTED OF TWO OLD HULLS JOINED TOGETHER. IT DID NOT APPEAR AS MODERN AS THE E.W. THORNTON TYPE, WHICH IS BY NOW
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QUITE OLD. FROM THE PHOTO IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL HOW DEEP THE

ANCHORING CAPACITY OF THE RIG WOULD BE. IN ANY CASE, STUDENTS
OF OFF SHORE DRILLING TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT VIEW THIS CHINESE
METHOD AS COMPETITIVE WITH THE GIANT SEMI-SUBMERSIBLES NOW
BEING BUILT AROUND THE WORLD. FOR ROUGH SEA OPERATIONS, THE
LATTER ARE FAR SUPERIOR.

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